



HOWARD COUNTY 2005 AGRICULTURAL PROFILE

Farm Numbers 1	1992	1997 ³	2002
Number of Farms	382	369	346
Average Size (acres)	117	112	109
Land in Farms (acres)	44,623	41,501	37,582
Livestock Inventory 1	1992	1997 ³	2002
Cattle	8,203	6,409	4,266
Hogs	1,730	1,266	263
Sheep	1,081	599	780
2002 Value of Sales 1			
All Products (\$1,000)			21,661
Nursery & Greenhouse (\$1,000)			11,537
Grains & Oilseeds (\$1,000)			2
Milk (\$1,000)			2,419
Demographic Data 1	1992	1997 ³	2002
Average Age of Operator	55.9	56.4	56.5
Percent Female Operators	17.0	19.2	28.9
2002 Equine Census			
Number of Equine Places			1,200
Equine Inventory			5,190
Value of Equine Inventory	\$61,265,000		

Crop Production Acres Rank among Maryland Counties, 2002 ¹			
Corn for Grain	17	Soybeans	20
Barley	11	Vegetables	19
Forage	12	Wheat	17

Livestock & Poultry Inventories Rank among Maryland Counties, 2002 ¹			
Beef Cattle Broilers Hogs	12 19 18	Milk Cows Sheep	12 10

¹ Source: Census of Agriculture, NASS.

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	Barley (bushels)	2003	600	66.2	39,700
2005 400 88.5 35,400		2004	500	77.0	38,500
		2005	400	88.5	35,400

* Acreage too small to publish.

	2003	2004	2005
Cropland Cash Rents (per acre)	\$49.52	\$66.18	\$54.44

The National Agricultural Statistics Service is an agency of the United States Department of Agriculture working cooperatively with the Maryland Department of Agriculture in the collection of statistical data for Maryland agriculture. Most data collection results from the voluntary cooperation of Maryland's farmers and other industry representatives. All published results are available through contact with the Maryland Field Office in Annapolis or through their website. Any questions or comments should be directed to Norman Bennett, Director.

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² Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

³ Revised.